

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Romania
Program Title:	Child Welfare and Women's Health Care Reform
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	186-0340
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$6,050,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,892,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,300,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	2002
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID is improving child survival and health, reducing unintended pregnancies and abortions, and also reducing the transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS. SEED-funded projects are improving policies, legislation and quality of services, training a professional cadre in child welfare and reproductive health, and educating the public and decision-makers. USAID provides technical assistance and training to non-governmental organization (NGO) and government staff, and make grants to NGOs to produce the desired results.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$3,190,000 AEEB, \$100,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue to assist NGOs that are reforming the child welfare system. The 45 NGOs that are implementing U.S. funded grants will continue to receive technical assistance to improve their management, public relations, and fund-raising. Twenty of the NGOs provide rehabilitation services for children with disabilities and nine provide life skills training for adolescents graduating from institutions, helping to prevent human trafficking for this at-risk group. Other NGOs complement community-based services dealing with domestic adoption, family care for severely disabled children, prevention of child trafficking, and child abuse. USAID will continue to train child welfare professionals, including specialized staff to work with disabled children. The recently legislated service standards will be implemented nationally. Development of the national child welfare monitoring system will be completed. Integration of the mentally disabled children will be promoted through an existing grant to Special Olympics. Assistance to community boards for preventing child abandonment will continue in 10 of 41 counties. Partners: World Learning, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Special Olympics (primes) and NGOs.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$1,610,000 AEEB, \$209,000 AEEB carryover, \$83,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID will continue to improve access to and quality of primary reproductive health services throughout the nation. Technical assistance and training will be provided to more than 1,300 family doctors and nurses and more than 200 Roma health mediators and community nurses. USAID will assist with the implementation of national strategies for reproductive health, domestic violence, and early detection of cervical cancer. Three public awareness campaigns will be completed. The safe motherhood program will be extended to 400 primary health staff. The project will increase access to and use of family planning and reproductive health services for poor women in 11 cities and approximate 100 Roma communities. Partners: John Snow Inc (prime); Romanian Society for Contraception and Sex Education; Population Services International; the Youth-for-Youth Foundation (subs.).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 AEEB, \$1,000,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will extend and strengthen the existing AIDS testing and counseling services in smaller communities in close coordination with recipients of assistance from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. A national campaign to combat stigma and discrimination will be funded. Outreach programs for street children, Roma, the underserved rural poor, and youth will be continued. USAID will support the National Union of Organizations of People living with HIV/AIDS to monitor rights violation in the area of HIV/AIDS. USAID will assist the Romanian Orthodox Church train more than 11,000 priests and 12,000 religion teachers to carry AIDS education among parishioners and high school children. Partners: same as

previous section plus; Romanian Orthodox Church; IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities); National Union of Organizations of People living with HIV/AIDS.

Build Health Systems Capacity (\$750,000 AEEB, \$500,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID will assist with the development of private health insurance legislation and regulations concerning quality standards and consumer protection and provide training in business management of medical private clinics and medical plans. Partner: Abt Associates Inc (prime).

FY 2006 Program: Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,800,000 AEEB). USAID will work with central and local authorities and NGOs to sustain community services. In the anticipation of the phase-out of USAID funding, advisors will complete assistance on technical aspects of service provision and focus more on helping NGOs to develop business plans, manage their finance and raise resources to sustain their service programs. USAID will also help the ProChild Federation develop its advocacy role and become a more influential player in the national arena. USAID will continue to support the development of a social work profession, with an increased emphasis on volunteerism and building community support for welfare programs.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$1,000,000 AEEB). USAID's assistance will support further legislative reform and an increase in the public health budget for family planning and reproductive health services. The program will help to introduce a new reproductive health curriculum in all medical schools. Several national public campaigns about reproductive health will be organized. USAID will focus more on sustaining successful programs and reforming legislation governing public-private partnerships for community social services.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 AEEB). USAID will continue to assist the programs and campaigns of current partners to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through high-risk groups.

Build Health System Capacity (\$1,000,000 AEEB). USAID will continue to assist with the development of private health insurance legislation and regulations concerning quality standards and consumer protection and provide training in business management of medical private clinics and medical plans. Assistance will be extended to aiding the National Health Insurance Fund improving the competitiveness and transparency of the pharmaceutical procurement systems. Partner: TBD.

The prime contractors and grantees in FY 2006 are the same as those for FY 2005.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, the abortion rate continued to drop and for the first time since 1990 there were fewer abortions than live births - 948 abortions per 1000 live births, compared with 1054 abortions per 1000 births in 2003. Following the successful implementation of the National Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy, developed in 2002, more than 2,800 trained general practitioners in all 41 counties are providing family planning services. The budget allocation from MOH for the National Family Planning Program was over \$1 million in 2004.

USAID contributed to reducing the number of children in institutional care by 15% (4,753 children), closing 60 of the institutions that house more than 50 children each. Reformed standards for all child welfare services were legislated. Child welfare programs, funded with \$4 million from the GOR budget to the National Authority for Child Protection and Adoption, were implemented by NGOs. Community boards to protect children and other vulnerable community members were created in another 10 counties. Following the success of the pilot boards, the National Association for Child Protection and Adoption has included a provision in new legislation requiring all local authorities nationwide to create community boards. USAID's technical support to the Ministry of Health for contraceptive logistics and procurement systems resulted in \$700,000 in savings. Ministry staff also gained a better understanding of the country's contraceptive needs and more efficient commodities procurement. "Among Us Women" contraceptive sessions, reached over 70,000 working women in over 40 factories in 20 counties in FY04. Evaluations of the USAID-funded AIDS campaign revealed a high level of advertising awareness (60%), high TV clip performance indicators - (clarity 98%, persuasiveness 94%, and likeability 98%), with 67% of respondents identifying with the anti-discrimination message in the TV clip.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Romania

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Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	13,642	0
Expenditures	6,182	0
Unliquidated	7,460	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	5,178	4,000
Expenditures	6,828	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	18,820	4,000
Expenditures	13,010	0
Unliquidated	5,810	4,000
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	1,892	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	6,050	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	7,942	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	4,300	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	31,062	4,000